

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is a travesty. The LAPD must be de-funded. They have shown time and again that the institution is fundamentally corrupt, racist, and does not protect and serve anyone but themselves and the ones putting money in their pockets. Accept the Peoples' budget. That is the moral imperative the citizens of Los Angeles have given you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Tranquada

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a live list of social media posts with accompanying video proof of police brutality over the past several days of protests. <https://github.com/freezman14/Floyd-Protests-Police-Accountability-Links>
As of June 2nd there are 9 links to LAPD officers destroying any pretense of "protecting and serving" they may have been operating under. One vehicle nearly runs over protestors, other protestors are beaten with batons and pursued so they can be beaten further, and citizens on their own property are shot at for having the audacity to watch what the police are doing in their own fucking city. This is a disgrace, and it is beyond me how anyone can expect the LAPD to pursue justice; THIS IS HOW THEY ACT WHEN THEY KNOW EVERYONE IS WATCHING. THESE PROTESTS ARE DIRECTLY ABOUT THEM AND THEIR LIVELIHOOD, AND THIS IS THEIR RESPONSE: VIOLENCE AND PAIN. THIS IS NOT WHAT LOS ANGELES STANDS FOR AND IT IS PAINFULLY CLEAR TO ANYONE WITH A BRAIN THAT THE LAPD DOES NOT DESERVE ONE MORE CENT IN THE CITY BUDGET.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Benack

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I request that all funding set to be transferred to the LAPD be funneled back into the communities in LA that need it most to help with healthcare, education, and small businesses. I request that no more money is given to the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled by the levels of violence committed by the LAPD and wish to see that their level of funding is reduced. The city of Los Angeles must adopt the People's budget which prioritizes housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare.

Communication from Public

Name: Sebastian Reyes
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:14 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: The council must reallocate funds in the city budget away from the Los Angeles Police Department to instead support housing, economic development, and other city services. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. We want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. We want the city to divest from traditional policing. I urge the council to do its part and take an important first step in procuring justice for Angelenos of color, especially Black Angelenos, who have been brutalized by an out-of-control police force. The death of George Floyd follows hundreds of murders by LAPD officers over the past decade. The council must take action and stop these inhumane killings from happening. This begins by defunding the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Name: Anthony Foley
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Los Angeles Police Department. Move funds to help the people of Los Angeles by expanding social services.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Rong

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD continues to indiscriminately terrorize the very citizens that they purport to protect, and yet the city wants to allocate a majority of the budget to this very same police force? This police force that rolls into protests outfitted in full riot gear? This police force that faces no repercussions for murdering Black people? Meanwhile, the sectors of education, transportation, and health care are neglected to the extreme. The COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affects Black Angelenos, and yet not only are our health care personnel not given proper PPE, but Mayor Eric Garcetti punishes LA for protesting by shutting down testing centers? Where is the democratic recourse in that? As a student at the University of Southern California, I am disgusted that I live in a city whose elected officials care only for their cushy positions rather than the suffering citizens they supposedly represent. I demand that the Budget Committee decrease funding for the police, and that the discrepancy be redistributed to other public sectors. The police have never been for the public, anyway. Listen to the people in this so-called democracy.

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Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Scherer

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of CD-13, writing to urge you to eliminate the raises being given to the LAPD from the Mayor's budget, and preferably to consider further reductions to police spending. Operationally, there is no reason for these raises: increasing overtime pay will not result in a safer city, will not increase the number of police, and will not provide them with the training that recent events have made apparent is so badly needed; it's simply giving them more money for what they are already doing. At a time when other critical city services and city employees are being reduced and furloughed, increasing compensation for a police force that does not respect the people it is sworn to serve can't be justified. The budget should not be treated as a pie to be divided up based on the political clout of existing institutions: that money is given to you by the citizens of this city so that it can be redistributed to support the citizens, and right now the people desperately need the city to work for them. Fund services and housing for the homeless, transportation good enough that people will actually want to use it, and education. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am APPALLED at the fact that LAPD officers are armed to the teeth with military grade equipment and this city wants to continue to grant them excessive funding. I call for their budget to be IMMENSELY reduced.

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned Citizen

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 05:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is genuinely shameful. A 54% increase in budget after the entire city cries out to the LAPD officials via livestream for defunding and demilitarization. Everyone who voted "YES" on this should be fired because they are clearly not listening to their constituents.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Emeterio

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 05:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Amanda and as a constituent of California I urge you to reject Garcetti's budget which allocates a large amount of funding to police departments. I implore you to instead consider the people's budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Bergfeld

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 06:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am writing with sadness to respectfully request that you terminate LA Police Chief Michel Moore's command, immediately, in response to his myopic and dangerous comments on George Floyd's death and the protests that followed, which were made publicly during a June 1 press conference. His statements reflect a profound disrespect for the lives of the citizens, particularly Black citizens, that his department is meant to protect, and only serve to reinforce the distrustful and combative attitude that his personnel have displayed over the last several days of protests. This hyper-aggressive approach to regulating peaceful demonstrations directly resulted in numerous instances of police violence against innocent civilians which were INSTIGATED BY THE OFFICERS, and went far beyond what could be reasonably construed as an appropriate response to crimes in progress. Chief Moore's apology for his comments was an admirable gesture. Unfortunately, for most Angelenos, that's all it appeared to be - a gesture, with no real commitment to overcoming the legacy of police brutality that has hampered this city's efforts to uphold justice for its citizens for decades. The tragic consequences of this shameful legacy were on display for all to see this past weekend, with videos of multiple occurrences of unprovoked brutality by LAPD now widely circulating on Twitter and other sites. Such appalling and embarrassing conduct will only continue if Chief Moore is allowed to maintain his command, and Los Angeles citizens have had enough. We ask the members of the Los Angeles City Council to remove Michel Moore from his position as Chief of Police. We thank you for your time and expedience in addressing this matter. Sincerely,
Scott Bergfeld 20-year LA Resident

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Name: Lilith

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 06:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a concerned citizen who lives within the La County, within District #1. I am worried that 50% of the proposed budget is going towards the LAPD. Seeing that the police had been brutalizing their own citizens, using tear gas (which has been banned from use in warzones, I do not believe that they should get such a large budget. I believe that with that large of a budget you can fix many of the social issues in LA. Specifically the housing crises that is affecting our county. I demand that my tax payer dollars are used for solving some of the other issues that exist in the city and not largely fund the LAPD when many of the problems that exist within the county are socio economic problems that could be solved with using that money in a much wiser manner.

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Name: William Kelly

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 06:30 PM

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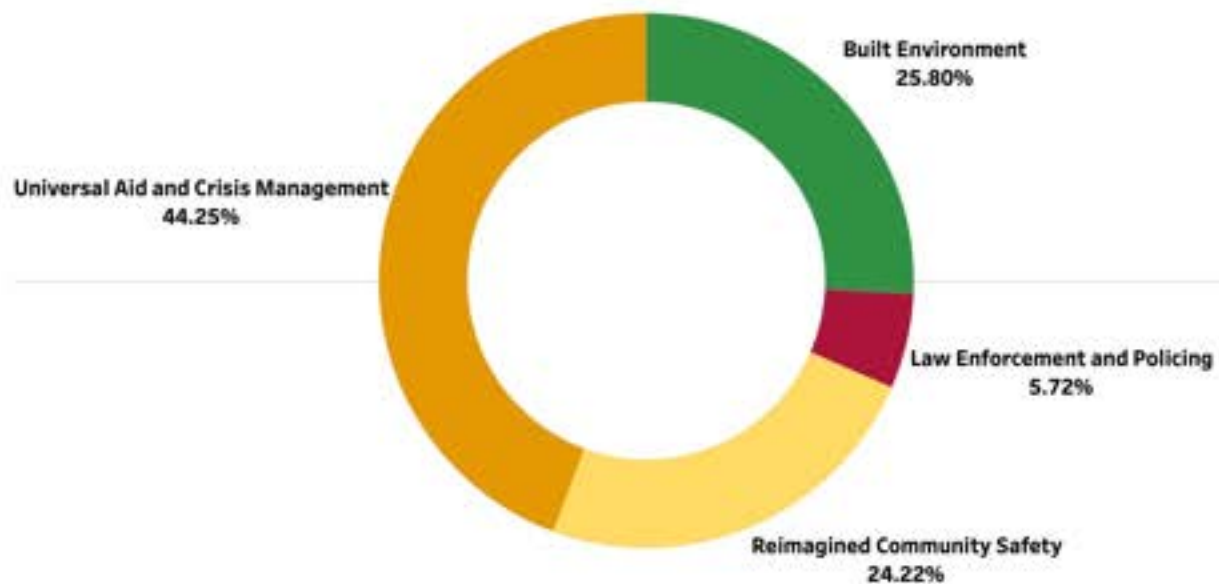
Comments for Public Posting: Fifty percent of the city budget can't keep going to law enforcement. We need to demilitarize our police force and finding better ways engaging the community especially when scenarios like the current dual crises of the pandemic and civil unrest occur. More money needs to go into building up disenfranchised communities and helping the homeless. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Name: Nico
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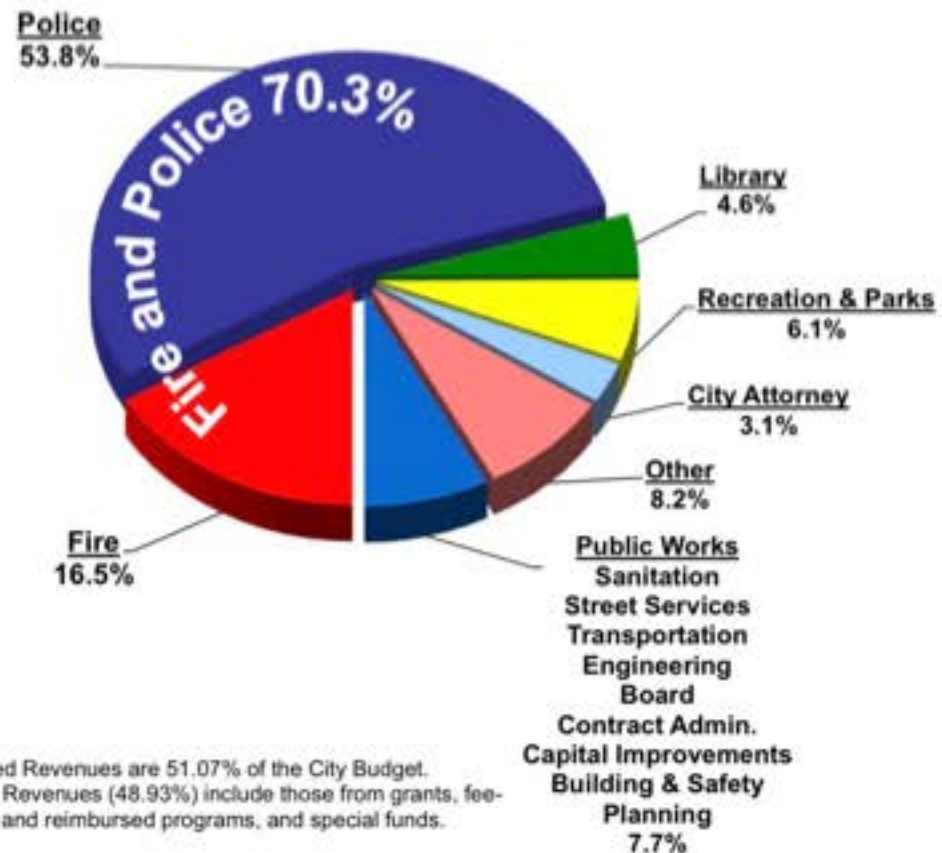
Comments for Public Posting: We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black folx. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart. After City Council cowardly avoided voting or revising your draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. I am urging you, Mayor Eric Garcetti, to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People’s Budget.

The People's Budget



- Universal Aid and Crisis Management
- Built Environment
- Reimagined Community Safety
- Law Enforcement and Policing

The Mayor's Budget



Unrestricted Revenues are 51.07% of the City Budget. Restricted Revenues (48.93%) include those from grants, fee-supported and reimbursed programs, and special funds.

- Sanitation
- Street Services
- Transportation
- Engineering Board
- Contract Admin.
- Capital Improvements
- Building & Safety
- Planning

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Name: Ran

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 06:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not want any more of the city's budget to go to LAPD. This is grossly insensitive when there are people in LA who don't have adequate healthcare, housing, food, or education.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 06:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I call for the firing of Police Chief Michel Moore and the rest of the LAPD commission. Your police incite violence, deploy chemical weapons banned in war, and have wrongly taken the lives of hundreds of black civilians. You are all incompetent and unfit for your jobs. Decommission and defund the entire LAPD, and rebuild it from the bottom up to be an institution that can live up to "serve and protect" ALL citizens and residents of Los Angeles.

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Name: Kate Ryan

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 07:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in District 11 and I'm severely concerned about the Mayor's proposed budget and the lack of clarity about it. From what I've gathered, the LAPD will be getting more funds than any other department. The LAPD will be unaffected and perhaps even financially boosted while other departments get cuts and furloughs. Given these unprecedented times, I think that's wrong and unjustified. Here's why: Police officers don't provide mental health services. Police officers don't perform tests for COVID-19. Police officers don't build affordable housing or deliver groceries or help unemployed people find employment. It's always been true but particularly during this pandemic, Angelenos need a greater variety of resources than the police department can provide. Redirect funds to the services people desperately need. Not the service designed to pour salt in a gaping wound. Thank you.

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Name: Cory
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 07:18 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I do not believe it is appropriate to allocate more money to the LAPD when the Chief of Police says crime is down 23% from this time last year.

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Name: Suzanne Smith

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 07:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully ask that the Mayor's budget be rejected in favor of the People's Budget. At a time when both a pandemic and an uprising have caused people to lose jobs, housing, and adequate education, it is unconscionable for more than half the city budget to fund the same agency whose aggression helped fuel the violence we've seen over the past few days (not to mention over the past year). Even if one believes in continuing to fund this agency, it is ridiculously wasteful that so much of that funding is going toward overtime. Either hire more officers or do without. And if the agency needs more money, they can do what schools do and auction off the military-grade weaponry that NO police department needs.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 08:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have seen and heard of too many instances across the country where police have incited violence and created panic in otherwise peaceful protests. I also recently learned about CCPD's own racist past including the hiring of one of the officers who beat Rodney King and blatant profiling of blacks and hispanics until the 90's. More visible is the department's inhospitable and inhumane policy towards homeless people who are pushed just outside of the city limits to preserve a clean and inviting image of the city. This type of conduct is unacceptable and makes me extremely anxious and skeptical of how our officers will be called to respond to current civil unrest. Police are supposed to be leaders and exemplary citizens in our communities. If they do not respect the rights of all citizens, then I will join the other protesters and do my best to rally my community in support of the nationwide protests. https://la.streetsblog.org/2019/04/05/the-hidden-history-of-culver-city-racism/?fbclid=IwAR1ymzSulCZVSefs02XppUEBL_7ZTVtiZMJJe0p1N0-HhqmOgRIZqU4yPQPw#disqus_thread
A worthwhile read

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Name: Jack Strader

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You have got to be fucking kidding me with this. Change. Real change. Protests won't stop.

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Name: Andrew Y
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 04:59 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Until the LAPD uphold the mantra of protect and serve, no more funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Marissa Quintero

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 05:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I think it is no question as to what needs to happen. We MUST defund police significantly, if not completely. Police brutality in this city, state, country needs to end. Racism in this country needs to end. How do police and racism correlate? Becoming a police officer in America allows anyone with the wrong agenda (i.e. desire to perpetrate racism) to legally murder Black and Brown people with either no consequence or but a slap on the wrist. We have a long ways to go, but the change starts now. The change starts here.

Communication from Public

Name: Nora Chang

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 03:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi City Council Members, I just reviewed the mayor's proposed budget for the city of Los Angeles for the year 2020-2021. The proposed budget going towards the police department and program is \$3 billion which accounts for over 50% of the city's budget. I don't believe that the police are an integral part of our community's livelihood. In fact, many people don't feel safe because of the police as indicated by the recent protests. The LA police department definitely does not warrant such a large budget if this money is not being re-distributed to our people in ways that the metro, or safe housing investments, or public education are. Please do not approve Mayor Garcetti's budget proposal. Los Angeles can be a more unified and livable city if we prioritized investments in other community building. I urge you to instead consider adopting a People's Budget that better reflects what LA residents want in this city. Thank you for your time. Best, Nora

Communication from Public

Name: Zack Goldman

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 03:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to express my outrage as an Angeleno and to voice my support for the demands put forth by the organizers of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. In solidarity with the calls from Patrisse Cullors and her co-founders, I call for the defunding of local law enforcement, so they can no longer, as she says: "Occupy, harass, abuse, torture and kill Black communities." Through the leadership of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles, I am echoing the need for a budget that represents the needs and will of this great city, not its politicians and police. We are demanding the immediate rejection of Mayor Eric Garcetti's new budget proposal, which allocates 54% of the general fund to the LAPD. I call on this City Council and Mayor Garcetti to make the morally right decision to defund the police and divest publicly from your voiced but mistaken notion that the LAPD is a force for justice that keeps our communities safe and treats Black Angelenos equally. I call on you to begin this action immediately by encouraging Chief Moore to resign from his duties in light of his cruel and cowardly comments last night, which are sadly emblematic of a police force that has shown itself to be much the same—not only in recent days, but for the duration of my life here in Los Angeles. I echo the calls for the adoption of a budget that rightfully takes money from police resources and places them into our communities that need that investment most—working to right historic injustices and helping particularly in areas of housing, education, healthcare, transit, jobs, food and small business support during this pandemic. We demand investment in jobs and services, not cops. We demand invest in the priorities and needs of our people during a pandemic and a historic housing crisis. Councilmember Paul Krekorian, I have learned to not take you at your word, but you have claimed that the budget in front of you is not a final document and will be subject to meaningful public comment at the four Budget and Finance Committee meetings on June 8, 15, 22, and 29. I will be at all of those meetings and I look forward to a new budget resulting from those meetings based on the demands of The People's Budget LA, the coalition led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Yanofsky

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:17 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA Office of the City Clerk: I humbly submit this public comment to ask that the City Council dedicate more funding to community outreach groups that lift people up. I also ask that the City Council grant more funding to educational programs such as what schools and libraries have to offer, and programs like the LA 2050 initiative and the Two Bit Circus Foundation (in partnership with Los Angeles Makerspace). We desperately need more support in those areas than in the area of buying our city police forces things like more riot gear. De-escalation training would be a more pertinent investment. We need to invest in our community more. Please. Sincerely, Jeremy Yanofsky

Communication from Public

Name: Heather

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Spending more time talking about looting/broken windows, versus police brutality, is a sign you're not qualified to be a leader in this time period. What happened to George Floyd is not some isolated instance---there's a reason that protests have sparked nationwide. We have had enough police brutality. If their job is supposed to protect and serve, how is unequally enforcing laws and criminalizing black men and women going to accomplish that? Defund the LAPD. End qualified immunity. Stop letting them cosplay as Call of Duty soldiers on the streets of Los Angeles. Take that money and put it into things that will actually solve drug addiction and the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. Fund social workers and social work training for PEACE officers, not police officers. Fix this ridiculous budget now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council President Nury Martinez - how dare you pass judgement on the grieving and anger expressed by our communities? Stop centering a narrative that prioritizes property damage over Black lives. Instead of grieving the loss of property that can be replaced, do your part to stop the damage and "destruction" and adopt a People's Budget so this NEVER happens again. It is your responsibility to allocate our funds to health, education, housing, and the arts. Especially during this pandemic. This isn't about you and the council members - so STOP making it. Stop centering yourselves. It's time to do the work.

Communication from Public

Name: Duski W

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council needs to adopt THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET. You're playing us by trying to give LAPD \$3 billion instead of what is actually needed! Approve The Peoples' Budget then we will know you're on our side. Otherwise, maybe you should sit down.

Communication from Public

Name: Antonia Pacheco

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Nishima Gupta

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles, District 4. I paid \$1789.06 in state taxes this year. I understand that a portion of this money will be absorbed by the LAPD, and I am not happy about that as a citizen. I'm having a hard time understanding how dedicating over half of the city's budget to police, rather than building jobs from COVID19 or helping the many struggling communities in the state isn't the first priority in helping our overall economy and helping humanity. I would like to request that the office holds an emergency meeting to reevaluate this budget and instead, to please reallocate that money to other services rather than armed forces. I would like 100% of my taxpayer dollars to go into: 1. Increasing the quality of education in public schools with low ratings and student bodies. 2. Free clinics and free women's health services in underprivileged neighborhoods. 3. Affordable housing, drug-free mental health care, and career education to address the homelessness crisis. 4. Even strong initiatives to protect our environment and transform our city into a zero-waste city. a. Strong business ban and penalties to cut the use of single-use plastic cold. b. Launching a composting program to utilize growing organic waste into fertile soil. c. Create opportunities around sustainability. 5. Maintaining the funds allocated to library services, recreation & parks, and wildlife protection which upkeep the core spirit of our city. I would like to keep this city a diverse, inspiring place where art and innovation can thrive despite all of the world's challenges. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Wyatt, JACCC
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:53 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please find our letter attached as a PDF, re: disenfranchisement of CD14 stakeholders and concern over the Mayor's budget.



June 2, 2020

Council President Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

To Council President Nury Martinez,

My name is Patricia Wyatt and I am the President/CEO of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC). I am submitting this letter on behalf of JACCC to express our concern on the disenfranchisement of the stakeholders of Council District 14 during the FBI investigation of Councilmember Jose Huizar.

JACCC Founded in 1971, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center is one of the largest ethnic arts and cultural centers of its kind in the United States. A hub for Japanese and Japanese American arts and culture and a community gathering place for the diverse voices it inspires—Japanese American Cultural & Community Center connects traditional and contemporary; community participants and creative professionals; Southern California and the world beyond.

As you are well aware, Councilmember Huizar has agreed to stop attending City Council meetings and voting at the urge of Council President Martinez. This leaves Little Tokyo—alongside our CD14 neighbors in Downtown Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, Echo Park, and Northeast LA—without fair and equitable representation in the City Council.

This is particularly concerning when the City Council is voting on major items and had the opportunity to amend the Mayor's budget, which will directly impact essential city services and public arts funding—especially during the COVID-19 crisis and social unrest. We urge City Council to delay votes on major items that will directly impact CD14 and our historic Japantown, and allow more time for CD14 stakeholders to voice their position on the Mayor's budget.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wyatt
President/CEO
pwyatt@jaccc.org

CC: Councilmember Huizar, Katie Kiefer, Councilmember Krekorian

Communication from Public

Name: Shing Yin Khor
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:55 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles(90043) and I am dismayed at the LAPD's response to the protests in the city. It is clear that the LAPD is incapable of actually protecting the city, and is actively violent towards citizens of Los Angeles. They are currently an active threat to the safety of Los Angeles, which is the antithesis of their assumed purpose. Please do not give over half of the budget to the LAPD, and redistribute the budget to actual resources and programs that Los Angeles needs, such as to community safety, universal aid and crisis management, housing, libraries and other social programs which serve as a safe space for unhoused community members and the Los Angeles community at large.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: After witnessing the countless instances of police violence in Los Angeles, it is blatantly obvious the the Los Angeles Police Department is not capable or competent at protecting and serving our communities. Even in a time where the black community is grieving and mourning because of the death of George FLoyd and many other individuals killed by our own LAPD, the violence from the police and now the national guard continue to only cause further damage. Instead of further justifying this behavior, it's time for ALL of the LA City council members to put your money where your mouth is and DEFUND the police. Adopt the People's Budget and prioritize care in our communities NOT cops.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support funding for our police force - clearly, we need more officers on the street to protect our citizens and businesses from riots and looting in times like these, not a reduced budget. I also support people's right to peaceful protest, which additional police funding will enable. If our officers have the budget to put more feet on the street, they can keep protestors safe AND go after looters. Simple math.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to express my support for a budget that massively reduces funding for our police force and instead funds vital services for the people of our city. A budget is a reflection of our city's values. Right now, we have a moral imperative to provide services that keep people housed and healthy, that strengthen small businesses and help people thrive. We don't need more police and we can't afford to pass another budget overwhelmingly devoted to police over people. We need Los Angeles to prioritize providing housing, strengthening small businesses, and building health services, food programs, and other services that help our city thrive - not to fill police coffers.

Communication from Public

Name: Ricardo Marquez

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! A People's budget now. LAPD does not need 52% of the budget

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Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The use of surplus military equipment by the LAPD causes an increase in police brutality and leads to intimidation of the citizens by the police. I recommend that the department's funding be reduced. I would like to see the budget remaining used for de escalation training and development of a new policy on use of force that requires de escalation before any use of force. Failure to do so should result in mandatory discipline up to and including termination. Reduce the budget for policing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: There's a serious problem when our police have top-tier equipment but our schools and hospitals don't. It is a disgrace if more money goes to policing than social work, mental health, and job training. We're headed for some dark economic days and months, the budgets will only get tighter, and we need to be proactive about instituting systems to build a better tomorrow, not just preserving our status quo. Let's invest more in the future

Communication from Public

Name: Will
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:13 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Increasing police budget when decreasing all other social services during these tough times is horrible. I recommend cutting the police budget as much, if not more, than other city departments.

Communication from Public

Name: Shawnte Salabert

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:15 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council - I'm a 13-year resident of Los Angeles and I'm asking you to please adopt the People's Budget for Los Angeles! The top concern for city legislators (and Angelenos, in general) should be the care of our communities to help our people heal and thrive. By disproportionately funding (and militarizing) our policing system, instead of our health and wellness, education, parks, and other infrastructure systems, it shows that the city views its citizenry as potential criminals, rather than as human beings. We need better access to health care. We need real solutions to the issue of homelessness. We have to improve our air quality and access to green spaces. Healthy communities have better capacity to take care of their own. Crime is down! You know this, I know this, the statistics show this. You can also look to the approach in New York; reduced policing did not lead to an increase in crime. Let's use this positive momentum to reimagine our city. There are so many alternatives to policing that begin in our own communities. The excessive force that's been exacted on our people over the past 6 days is abhorrent and violent. I want to see less funding for police, period - right now is NOT the time to reduce funding to health care, education, housing, and so many other important issues. Please adopt the People's Budget and prioritize the PEOPLE of this amazing city. Thank you, Shawnté Salabert

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Markland

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD corralled peaceful protesters when the curfew hit, trapped them, then arrested them, when the city's notification of curfew has been spotty and ill-timed at best. The violence and instigation shown by this force has been appalling. This is shameful. Where was this response when white people were endangering others during the height of Covid-19? Reduce the LAPD's level of funding until they can protect ALL people properly, including those of color who are standing up for more than a haircut.

Communication from Public

Name: Nika Pakravan

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:02 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We understand the process, we understand its changing, we understand its fluid. However, what are you going to do to consider a people's budget? You say you take the input seriously every single year, but we have not seen any changes to represent people. How will you show fluidity in favor of the people's voices that are flooding your inbox versus the union politics. I would be grateful if the council could frankly address a question that I feel many of the public are asking: With the LAPPL terms that were agreed upon last year, is there any chance the proposed peoples budget, or an iteration of it, could be meaningfully considered? Are pay cuts a viable option for redistribution of funds to other area of local government?

Communication from Public

Name: Amy

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:04 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the new budget proposal from Mayor Garcetti. The amount of the city's budget that is allocated to the LAPD is unethical. Even a small fraction of the budget should go to funding transportation, arts and culture, youth centers, health care, education, small businesses, and so many other areas of the city that need attention. As it has been demonstrated over the past week, and even further back, the people who are supposed to be there to protect us are abusing their powers and perpetuating systemic racism all in the name of so-called justice. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:11 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The police are supposed to protect and serve, but they have continuously failed the public. I do not support the misapplication of city funds towards an over-militarized force, especially in the midst of a pandemic and economic recession. The council should adopt the People's Budget and redirect funds towards services that will actually help our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Dalia
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:11 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: David Valdez

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am posting a comment in regards to Mayor Garcetti's FY2020-21 Budget Proposal for the City of Los Angeles. The budget does not reflect the social services our city needs while we continue to cope with the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Right now we need funds directed towards affordable housing, mental health services, rent stipends, utility stipends and meals/groceries for people who can't afford their basic needs. Services to the homeless community should not be cut 6% - the Mayor continues to fail at putting forth any real plan on dealing with homelessness. Instead he puts the onus on City Council, and their actions are mucked up in red tape and fall short. The Bridge Housing program has only produced 13 centers, which offers 973 beds and does not come close to providing shelter and resources for the 60,000+ unhoused population. The most obvious discrepancy is the budget directed toward LAPD that is the only department allocated a budget of over \$1 billion. It appears that the education bonuses LAPD officers will receive of \$190-\$290 every two weeks for having a degree are grossly out of touch during a trying time for the national and local economies impacting the City of Los Angeles. This is an urgent time to focus anti-racist work for the LAPD without neglecting the pressing need to use our resources to support communities in their desperate calls for basic survival. As a Citizen of Los Angeles, I am strongly advocating for LA City Council and the Mayor to Adopt the People's Budget. Sincerely, David Valdez
LA City Resident, CD13

Communication from Public

Name: Christiana

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member Paul Krekorian, RE: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budge as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now. We will be watching. Thank you, Christiana

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Communication from Public

Name: Faizan Malik

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:16 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA Council, I am asking that you reject the Mayor's proposed City Budget for 2020-2021. His budget places too much emphasis on funding the LAPD, an organization that has been unfairly targeting minorities for decades. Instead please consider taking a look at the People's Budget which places an emphasis on Universal Aid. To pass the Mayor's budget would be ignoring what is happening right now and ignoring the will of the people. If the police receive as much funding as Garcetti is proposing, there will be more cases of police brutality. By passing this budget, you will be enabling and condoning that violence. I am urging you to reject the Mayor's proposed City Budget. Thanks, Faizan Malik

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:19 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Align the current budget with the People's Budget -- meet with the organizers at Black Lives Matter LA, and collaborate with them on diverting funds from the LAPD, which has historically abused its power and harmed communities of color in our city, and reallocating those funds toward community programs that will keep all Angelenos safer, including healthcare, housing stability, mental healthcare, free public transportation, youth programming, and jobs programs. Collaborate with leaders and organizers in the Black community of LA. It is a necessity in creating a more just Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Vera Tykulsker

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:20 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We demand you DEFUND THE POLICE. LAPD is harassing, brutalizing, and killing community members everyday. We are in the midst of both a public health pandemic and an uprising against police brutality. We demand a budget that reflects the needs of the community. The Mayor's budget does not include major investments in health or housing. Instead, as we witness the overly militarized LAPD brutalize people protesting police murder, the mayor proposes an increase to police. The Mayor's disastrous proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You need to adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services.

Communication from Public

Name: John
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:20 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hi there. I'm appalled by what I've seen from the LAPD and ask that you reduce their funding. It isn't right.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie McVay
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:27 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Force Michel Moore to resign.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Stanton

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The budget needs to change, the police do not need more money than schools and educators. And after Chief Michael Moore's appalling statement yesterday, it's clear the LAPD needs drastic change, and that starts with the budget. Police should be working for the people, not being equipped with military gear and intimidating people on the streets

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Raskin

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent of Los Angeles County, I am asking you to deny the mayor's distorted and harmful budget and instead support The People's Budget as described here:
<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>. This is where we want our resources going. This is what will help our community instead of allocating over half our budget to the police who continue to abuse its citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: Rich Kui

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:30 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of LA County I am appalled at what has been going on throughout the streets of our communities. People peaceful gathering to protest rampant police brutality in the country are met with, you guessed it, more police brutality. Friends and community members have shared stories of law enforcement initially behaving amicably towards protesters and then soon after throwing tear gas and shooting rubber bullets well above the belt line, which to my understanding is not protocol and shows a level of intent to harm these protesters. How am I supposed to trust LAPD officers if i've seen them exhibit undue force unto my friends for simply walking in the street past curfew or attempting to gather? The LAPD is overfunded and overstepping their duty to protect and serve. All I've seen this week is suppression of human rights and protection, not of people, but of private enterprise and centers for capital accumulation. Additionally the ever-changing curfew instituted as a punitive response to the protests is making it very hard to attain supplies and groceries for living. I am considered an essential worker must go to work in the mornings and don't get off until evenings, however at that point i am unable to do any shopping due to the curfews and I am worried I will run out of supplies and nutritious food. The curfews should be removed so that people like myself can have access to necessary resources and so that people can exercise their right to peacefully protest. My most pressing concern is that the budget for the city of Los Angeles should not prioritize the LAPD. This is shifting too much power into violent hands that will not benefit the community in the ways it likes to think. What I believe will help is investment in community. We need housing and healthcare resources. Easy access to nutritious food and mental health services. Free public transit and opportunities for smaller businesses, especially in wake of the destruction that has occurred at the hands of opportunists trying to undermine and profit off of the protests this week. These are the programs we should be pouring money into. Not into law enforcement. When people feel supported and by their governments and communities I don't believe there will be much need for police. I don't think people inherently want to commit crime, they are driven to out of necessity and lack of recourse. Providing adequate support and enrichment is the key, not more cops. Sincerely, Rich Kui,

concerned Angeleno

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Idehen

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:33 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled by the behavior of the LAPD. I have seen police brutality against peaceful protestors in the form of rubber bullets fired, women being beaten and tossed, citizens being beaten with batons and tear gas being sprayed on people who are standing up against racism! This is unacceptable and as a tax paying citizen, i demand reform. LAPD needs to be defunded immediately and that funding needs to be redirected towards combating the city's exorbitant homelessness and emergency funds for the out of work residents due to COVID-19

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:36 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Phoebe G

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:37 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Phoebe, and I am a resident of Los Angeles in the zip code 90065. I am writing to you as a deeply concerned citizen, disturbed by the commitment of city budgets + resources to serve the police force, rather than the people & communities across our city. I am imploring you to please deny the mayor's budget in favor of the people's budget. Allocating 54% of the city budget to the LAPD is extraordinarily & actively harmful towards communities across Los Angeles. We deserve, and demand, a budget that actively supports essential services like housing, transportation, mental healthcare, and public health, to name a few. I stand with our BIPOC citizens across the city—the LAPD has actively targeted those communities for decades, opting to commit brutal violence rather than "protecting and serving." Given the LAPD's horrific history, they have lost the privilege of being a funded arm of our city. Housing, transportation, mental healthcare, public healthcare, and more all service our communities far more safely, effectively, and with the utmost respect and regard for human life. I implore you to hear us, and to defund the Los Angeles Police Department. Please, please hear us when we demand that you deny the mayor's budget in favor of one that serves us, the people. Thank you for reading, Phoebe

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Williams

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: How can the LAPD be receiving this level of funding when they brutalize their citizens for peaceful protest? How can we neglect the city's other needs when officers routinely racially discriminate against innocent people. The level of funding toward LAPD needs to be drastically reduced in favor of programs that actually HELP LA residents.

Communication from Public

Name: L V

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear city council members, The police response to protests is a disgrace. They have actively escalated a peaceful situation into one of violence and oppression. They are committing crimes without consequence and citizens are suffering. The LAPD must be demilitarized immediately. It should be defunded so those resources can be reallocated into more effective community improvement areas. We also need independent community oversight of the police. Recent events are making everyone in the city aware of how our elected officials are dealing with this (badly). You cannot spend half or budget on the LAPD and expect any support from us in the future. Please rework the proposed budget to reflect what people actually need. (Not more paramilitary police.) Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackeline

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: After witnessing these events going on right now all over America, I strongly urge the Council to defund the police. Witnessing how much equipment they had to “protect” themselves from protestors while healthcare workers are using TRASHBAGS to cover up, it is obvious there is something seriously wrong here. I do not want the city budget to be allocated to the police what so ever.

Communication from Public

Name: Fey

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:50 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LAPD's constant and public use of violence is absolutely disgusting. Everyone should be ashamed of how warped the supposed "justice system" has become. Your job is to protect people - protect your citizens! Instead, you choose to hurt us. Instead, you choose to provoke us. Instead, you choose to kill us. You come with your guns armed and fingers on the trigger when people are simply using their voice to peacefully protest and you scratch your head on what made protests turn violent. There has to be consequences for LAPD's actions - defund them. Reduce their budget significantly.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Put your money where your mouth is. Stop taking funds away from essential care programs that Black communities and defund the police department which brutalizes these disadvantaged communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Henry Yang

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am shocked and appalled by how the LAPD is treating peaceful protesters, and the cruel violence the LAPD executes against innocent Americans. Their level of funding must be reduced, and they must be held accountable for their actions.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremiah Catling

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: a budget that outweighs an institution that is statistically proven to be ineffectual in helping and growing our community is immoral, incorrect, and unhelpful. please do not support this dramatic and unbalanced allocation of funds to an armed force that is not held accountable. if you cannot hold them accountable, do not grow them. please put the money into institutions and programs that help people, that feed and cloth them, that give them jobs. initiatives that are proven to help reduce crime. thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Zainub Balla

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Spending over 50% of the budget on the LAPD will not end the violence!! Rather than spending money on increasing police, why not invest into the community? 601 lives have been lost to police violence over the past 7 years! You can expect that to grow if you increase police presence! Killing more innocent Black people will not lessen crime or violence. It will only hurt your reputation as a city.

Communication from Public

Name: Joy Yamaguchi

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 11:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: General Comment re: proposed Mayor's budget I am writing as a resident of LA County and a LA City employee and organizer. I urge my representatives to NOT pass Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, which will allocate over 50% of the funds to the LAPD. We have seen over the last few days people demanding justice for Black lives and the LAPD only escalating situations and hurting our community. We need more money towards healing, education, and services like libraries, public transit, and public schools. We need health care and mental health services, NOT militarized police. Please listen to your constituents and ammend this budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The behavior of the LAPD in facilitating and managing protests against police brutality has been abhorrent and unconscionable. The LAPD is overfunded with too much violent equipment. It is clearly unable to manage itself and needs to scale down from the violent force it has become. Its budget needs to be cut, broken windows/maintenance policing needs to be reduced, and that money needs to be put towards schools, health care, and social services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the militant police force, who are known and proven to be using excessive force on innocents. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ethan Wilkerson

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I ask the City Council to reject any proposed budget which allocates additional money to the LAPD. In fact, their budget should be cut in order to facilitate the demilitarization of the LAPD and ease economic strain on our city in these difficult times. I also ask the City Council to help ensure that any officer who abused their power or exercised excessive force during peaceful protests the past few days be held accountable, beginning with their removal from the police force (at the very least).

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I request that the city council reject the budget as is and use the increased LAPD funds for community outreach and education.

Communication from Public

Name: Piril Nergis

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I ask the City Council to reject any proposed budget which allocates additional money to the LAPD. In fact, their budget should be cut in order to facilitate the demilitarization of the LAPD and ease economic strain on our city in these difficult times. That money should be reallocated to supporting Black, Indigenous, People of Color communities during this pandemic as they are the most affected. I also ask the City Council to help ensure that any officer who abused their power or exercised excessive force during peaceful protests the past few days be held accountable, beginning with their removal from the police force (at the very least).

Communication from Public

Name: S. Park

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is unacceptable that your body has no regard for the public's opinion and demands for a people's budget. We want the LAPD defunded, and we want that money allocated to community services that better address safety, mental health, housing as a human right, public health, and ecology.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebekah Scheys
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing as a citizen of LA county asking you to REJECT Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. The LAPD does not need, and has shown that they are not worthy recipients of, what amounts to over half of our city's budget. There are many more deserving and essential recipients of that money, including affordable housing, mental health services, unarmed law enforcement first responders, education, and various other community services that will DIRECTLY SERVE AND AID THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. As I write this, some members of the LA police force are terrorizing our citizens- attacking peaceful protestors and inciting violence, unprovoked. Before we as a city give them trust and our money, LAPD must PROVE that they are willing to do a serious overhaul of their officer training and education, with emphasis on serving their community in a non-violent way, and responding peacefully and calmly to non-threats, such as peaceful protestors and non-violent people of color who have not been proven to commit a crime, and are still being attacked and mistreated by the LAPD. PLEASE DENY THIS BUDGET. The allocation of funds that is proposed is overwhelmingly NOT what the people of LA county want or need at this time. We need funds to address the issues in our community, not to go to a police force who will use them to further oppress us. Thank you for your time, Rebekah Scheys

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Roman

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Patti Kilroy

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of district 14, and I urge the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget that gives over 50% of the general fund to the LAPD. I urge the council to propose a budget that divests money away from the LAPD and towards causes like housing aid, and building community infrastructure. I ask that the city council really listen to the people they represent and consider what we are proposing in the People's Budget. If you do not take concrete action like defunding the LAPD, your speeches and outrage is just lip service and you do not actually care about your constituents or justice.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda LaFranco

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles for close to 10 years this city has become my home. We have the chance to set an example for the country to follow, to make sure that ALL Los Angeles residents that call this city home know they have a voice and are being treated equally. You and I both know this is not how many Angelenos live their lives now, and that we can, and MUST, do better. As the governing body that adopts or modifies the budget proposed by the Mayor, please reconsider the close to two billion dollars that the Mayor has proposed for our police force, the highest of any expenditure. The LAPD currently DOES NOT protect and serve every individual in this city. Please instead consider redirecting these funds for community focused resources. Building longterm safety and security by investing more in education, health, and housing. It will take time for the LAPD to reconcile trust within our community, but it can happen and you can lead the charge by adjusting the budget and demanding more action from our police department in community based initiatives that foster trust and legitimacy between police and residents. Thank you for your time, Amanda LaFranco 90038

Communication from Public

Name: Vivienne Richardson

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the city budget and wish for money to be directed to public health services. Also please fire our chief of police. He said horrific things in his press conference.

Communication from Public

Name: Korinna Anderson

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The people of Los Angeles deserve a budget that serves them. The City Council should reject the current Mayor's budget, which allocates approximately half of discretionary funds towards the LAPD. This is a moral failure. The money should be spent instead on housing, transportation, and other services that better address our communities' needs, particularly during a global pandemic, instead of spending money on more police to tear communities apart.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

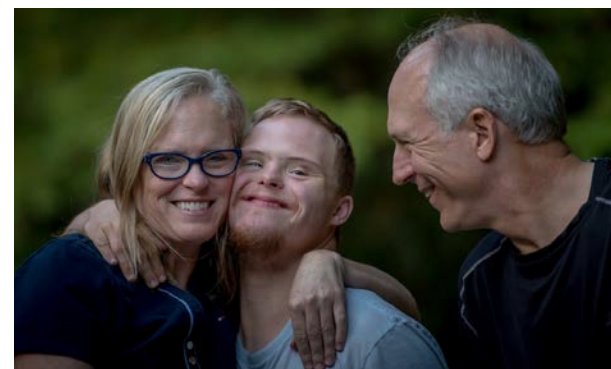
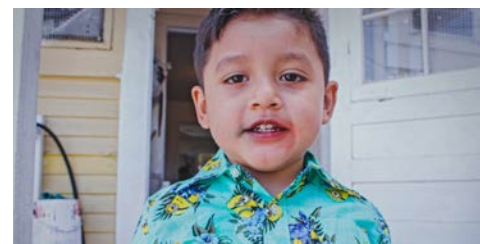
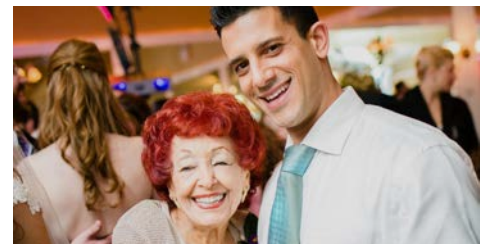
Comments for Public Posting: I'm a constituent of the 13th District. I've heard many council members talk about how they wish to make systemic and fundamental change in Los Angeles. Put the pedal to the metal here. It's atrocious, especially in the wake of George Floyd's death, that the city's currently proposed budget allocates over 50% to the LAPD. The police force doesn't need even more money when it's already so awfully militarized. You were all elected to listen to us Angelenos, so listen. That money needs to be put into affordable housing, community outreach, housing Angelenos experiencing homelessness, public mental health services, small business recovery from the COVID-19 crisis, and in the good of our city. Adopt a People's Budget instead of the current one (see the attachment to this comment). If the Mayor's currently proposed budget passes, I'm voting my current Council Member out.



The People's Budget

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INTRODUCTION

The People's Budget LA Coalition has undertaken an urgent public process of participatory budgeting to solicit input of Angelenos on their priorities for the city and how they would like public resources to be spent. This project emerged rapidly and in direct response to the secretive, undemocratic process and draconian spending plan introduced by Mayor Eric Garcetti, and left unchallenged by City Council.

This report details our findings and presents a People's Budget alternative to the Mayor's proposed 2020-21 budget. **Our document and data both reveal a clear referendum: invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing.**

Here's a summary of our methodology and results:

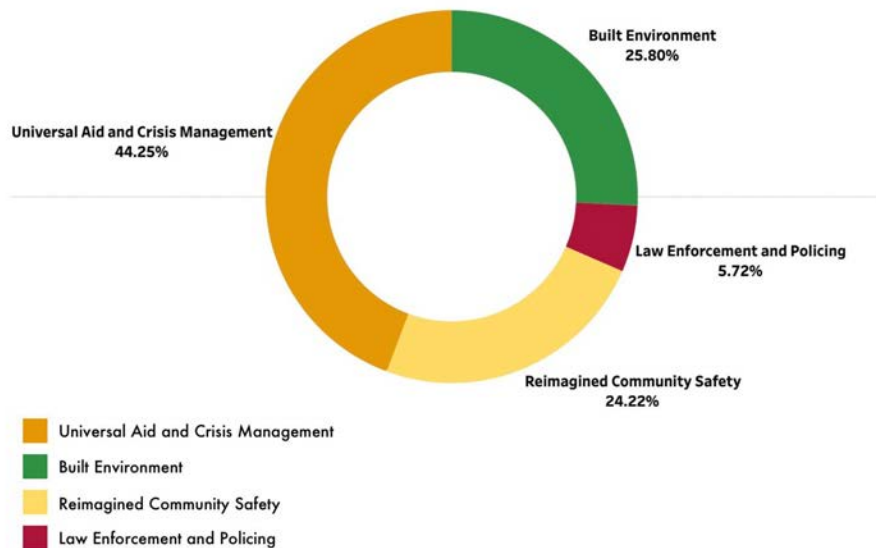
- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session after-the-fact.
- The top priorities for investment include housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare.
- The top priorities for divestment include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office.
- The People's Budget allocates just 5.7% of general funds to law enforcement and policing - just about one-tenth of the 54% given to the LAPD in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%).

We implore the Los Angeles City Council to take action and adopt a budget that aligns with the priorities of the people who they have been elected to represent.

THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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The People's Budget Priorities



SPENDING AREAS

UNIVERSAL AID AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The Universal Aid and Crisis Management funding category supports the basic needs of Angelenos like housing, food, healthcare, economic assistance and emergency relief. Both survey participants and those participating in our participatory budgeting session emphasized universal aid and crisis management as their top priority, with a particular focus on housing.

This funding area includes funding for long-term housing, renter support and emergency housing, food assistance, support for those seeking work, support for small businesses, providing public health care, offering youth development programs and supporting youth centers, fighting the impacts of climate change and ensuring our city's environment is protected. This area also includes emergency preparedness for natural disasters like earthquakes and fire as well as the public health disasters.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Built Environment funding category focuses on our city's physical infrastructure like public transportation, libraries, parks, public works and the fire department. Based on our survey results, these are essential public goods for Angelenos.

REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Participants were also committed to reimagining community safety and building and resourcing restorative justice practices that enable strong communities without law enforcement presence or intervention. The Reimagined Community Safety funding category supports a community-led safety model including investing in mental health and harm reduction approaches. Rather than funding police that bring violence and harm into our communities, Reimagined Community Safety invests in communities themselves to determine what they need and to offer them support in executing those programs.

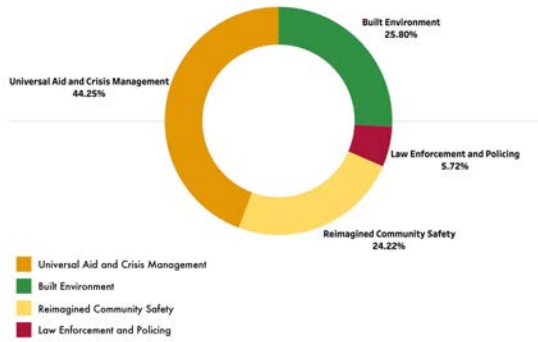
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement. This category also includes building stronger connections among neighbors through investing in community-led events.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The law enforcement category included all traditional approaches, including police, City Attorney, and traffic enforcement. Across all demographics of survey respondents, this was ranked as the lowest priority for spending.

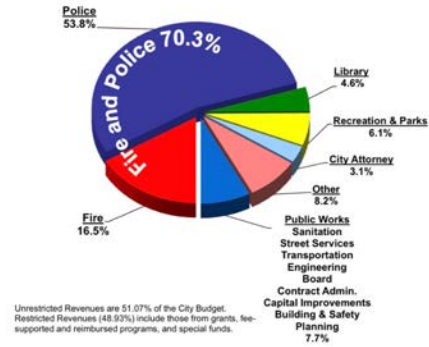
COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

The People's Budget



The Mayor's Budget

2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET
UNRESTRICTED REVENUES (\$5.4 Billion)



The People's Budget Allocations

Universal Aid and Crisis Management	44.25%
Built Environment	25.80%
Reimagined Community Safety	24.22%
Law Enforcement and Policing	5.72%

The Mayor's Budget Allocations

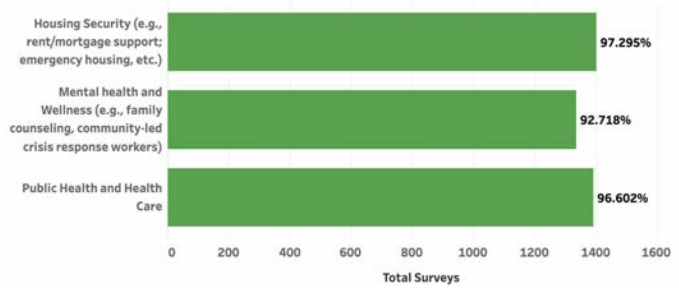
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **investment** are:

- **Housing Security**
Ensuring people have housing and can stay in housing
- **Mental Health and Wellness**
Supporting mental health needs with counseling and community-led crisis response
- **Public Health and Healthcare**
Offering public healthcare and ensuring everyone can stay healthy

Top Priorities for Investment

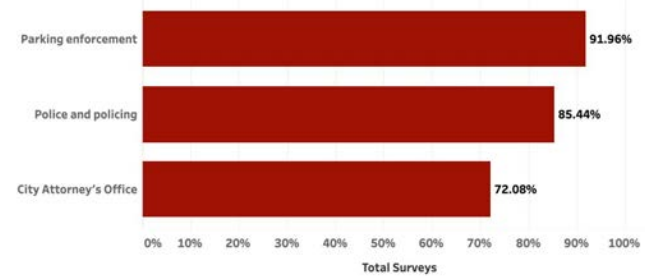


TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **divestment** are:

- **Parking Enforcement**
- **Police and Policing**
- **City Attorney’s Office**

Top Priorities for Divestment



PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

A survey was sent out by dozens of community organizations, with city-wide presence and representing neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. The survey was also posted on more than 100 social media accounts and People’s Budget LA’s website. Responses were only accepted from residents of the City of Los Angeles who could identify their area of residence on an interactive map. Beyond the solicitation of survey responses, the coalition held a two-hour, online participatory budgeting session on Sunday, May 24, 2020 to share information about the city budgeting process and to gather public input. More than 10,000 people have viewed the session so far.

**1470 Angelenos responded to the survey and we are continuing to collect results
3300 participants engaged in the participatory budgeting session in real time and an additional 10,000 viewers watched the session after-the-fact.**

Survey responses included constituents from all 15 council districts. The survey data is available for exploration in a Tableau dashboard (linked at PeoplesBudgetLA.com)

ADOPT A PEOPLE’S BUDGET

We believe that the government should be responsive to the needs, priorities, and demands of the people. There is clearly a wide chasm between the budget proposed by the Mayor (and directly or indirectly endorsed by the City Council) and the one envisioned by Los Angeles residents. The City Charter enables Council to pass or revise the Mayor’s budget proposal or submit a new budget for implementation. In a democracy, the Council should listen to the will of the people and pass a People’s Budget that centers the priorities that Angelenos have listed as central to them by June 1, 2020.

ABOUT THE PEOPLE’S BUDGET LA COALITION

The People’s Budget LA is a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. The coalition includes community organizations, faith leaders, parents, teachers, students, nonprofit leaders, and individuals from across Los Angeles.

Organizations who have signed onto the People’s Budget LA initiative include:

Africa Town Coalition
Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles
Community Coalition
Crenshaw Subway Coalition
Dignity and Power NOW
Ground Game LA

The Justice Collaborative
Ktown for All
LA Defensa
LA Voice
Labor/Community Strategy Center
Los Angeles Community Action Network

People’s City Council
Stop LAPD Spying
Street Watch LA/DSA
Students Deserve
Sunrise Movement LA
White People 4 Black Lives

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Martinez

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I wish to say that I do not agree with the current budget that is on the verge of being passed. The LAPD should be defunded and that money should go back to the people in the way of public services and resources. We do not need to further militarize our Police. They should be here to protect and serve the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Jerilene Dizon
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please allocate all of the funds from the LAPD bidget to go to our communities for healthcare, education, small business, parks and recs, and emergency funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Jerilene Dizon
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please allocate all of the funds from the LAPD bidget to go to our communities for healthcare, education, small business, parks and recs, and emergency funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Wisniewski

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am demanding that the Council completely revise the horrific budget proposed by Mayor Garcetti. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We have seen over the past few days that LAPD is unable to perform even their most basic of duties without trampling over the rights and bodies of the citizens whom they are supposed to protect. For too long the LAPD has been given a blank check to abuse, kill, and torment the people of this city, and the Council and Mayor have encouraged and abetted said abuse. Every baton strike delivered to the body of a citizen, every tear gas canister which cracks the skull of a peaceful protester, every police SUV which drives recklessly into a crowd, every bullet fired which ends the life of a person of color, is just as much the responsibility of the City Council and Mayor as it is the responsibility of the LAPD. The Council and Mayor approved the budget, training, and personnel which made these violent acts possible. This spilled blood, broken bodies, and lives cut short are on your hands, and you must wash them clean. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD. They've escalated peaceful protests to violence and have likely contributed to the spreading of COVID-19 by putting people who were given less than an hour (and in some cases, no notice) to vacate and putting them all in jail.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Black, brown, poor, institutionalized, and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19; these are the same people who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. We do not need to allocate the majority of the 2020-2021 Budget to police. Mayor Garcetti, please revise the proposed budget to reflect a priority in care for our community through small business resources, public transit improvements, affordable housing, and healthcare.

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Gomez

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This comment is for Nury Martinez, Paul Krekorian and Mayor Eric Garcetti to revise the annual budget so more spending goes towards human services, such as housing, health and mental healthcare, instead of the Police. Defund the Police!

Communication from Public

Name: Finn Straley

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I feel completely abandoned by my city's leadership during this time. The coddling and protection of a police force responsible for 600+ murders, in addition to the violent provocation of peaceful protests has shown me beyond a doubt that not a single member of my city's government has the interests of its people at heart. An effectively unanimous vote to increase the city's funding of this same police force is sickening and reprehensible. I am deeply dissapointed that you ignored the voices of your constituents in refusing to call a special meeting to reject the mayor's budget and defund the police. If you continue to do nothing about the mayor's absurd and offensive allocation of funds, every one of your legacies will be one of inaction and complicity. I am begging you to take some, any action that would show that you stand with the black and brown people you claim to represent, in addition to anyone who takes to the street to protest a violently racist police force.

Communication from Public

Name: Isaac
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:50 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: What are you doing to defund the pd budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In terms of the LA county budget, funds should be redirected to the community--NOT to the police. We do not need more police. I understand that the budget has been adopted, but it should be amended significantly at the Budget and Finances committee meetings before the budget process reaches a conclusion. The People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>) should be used as a blueprint for these amendments. More funds should go to helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts. Our communities need to be built up from the bottom, not cracked down up from the top. The time to act is now.

Communication from Public

Name: Danny Siviengsay
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:56 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please allocate all funds for LAPD to housing, homelessness, healthcare, community programs, parks and recs.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled at the LAPD's response to the protests taking place in our city and demand that their budget be reduced in favor of increases in funding to housing, healthcare, transport, and education (among others). There is no excuse for the excessive use of force and outsized response to Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse Dang

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The disparity between funding proposed for the LAPD and other city services is remarkable. I think a better balance could be achieved, especially considering that we're in a deep fiscal crisis that threatens funding for all basic city programs and functions. The answer is to not allocate such a huge amount to law enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I think it is very irresponsible to give the police such a high amount in the budget. There are better sevieces to fund such as health or to help the homeless. I will be keeping in mind those who opposed the people's budget during the next election and will be voting those who approved this budget out of office.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Ritchie

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like 100% of my taxpayer dollars to go into: 1. Increasing the quality of education in public schools with low ratings and student bodies. 2. Free clinics and free women's health services in underprivileged neighborhoods. 3. Affordable housing, drug-free mental health care, and career educations to address the homelessness crisis 4. Even stronger initiatives to protect our environment and transform our city into a zero -waste city. a. Strong business ban and penalties to cut the use of single use plastic cold. b. Launching a composting program to utilize growing organic waste into fertile soil. c. Create opportunities around sustainability. 5. Maintaining the funds allocated to library services, recreation & parks, and wildlife protection which upkeep the core of our city. I would like to keep this city a diverse, inspiring place where art and innovation can thrive despite all of the worlds challenges.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Like many others, I am completely stunned and infuriated by the excessive violence and militarization of the LAPD. Citizens deserve a more balanced budget rather than Eric Garcetti's plan to allocate 54% of LA's funding to the police department, which is particularly disturbing in the midst of an economic depression. I urge local officials to reject Garcetti's proposal and listen to our collective rejection of the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The police receiving a disproportionate amount of taxpayer money to act in violence upon said taxpayers is an outrage—you cite looters as reason to come out to the streets in full riot gear, yet you, taking money from the people, are the real looters. It is the real looting because that money should go towards the people, such as housing, community projects, infrastructure, healthcare, etc. That money could save lives and improve living conditions, but instead you spend it to hurt and kill the people of the city. One police officer's riot gear could fund multiple healthcare workers' worth of PPE, and that is what we need so much more desperately during these COVID-19 pandemic times. Fire Chief Moore, defund the LAPD, and restructure the entire police system.

Communication from Public

Name: Kadiri Coover

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand the funding for the LAPD be massively reduced. I am appalled by LAPD violence demonstrated over this past week. It is unacceptable. This money will serve much better uses in other areas of the city. Their level of funding must be reduced.

Communication from Public

Name: K

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The brutality that police have shown time and time again is unacceptable and the practices within the police department do not help our communities at all. The existence of the police department is violence on everyone within our communities. Defund the police. Fund schooling and create safer environments that nurture children to grow up as empathetic adults. There is no space for the police here or anywhere else.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please shift funds from militarizing the police to training and screening them better so they don't kill innocent people, and to protect our healthcare workers with proper PPE, and to better healthcare for minority communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Fatima Montano

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Due to recent events and disturbing videos on social media of LAPD officers running over a group of protesters on Fairfax and 3rd I do not think that the budget proposed for the LAPD should be at such a high amount. It is understandable that a functioning police department is necessary but instead of using those funds for them, it would be better allocated for other things such as housing or resolving the homelessness issue in the city of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Carrozza

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 02:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled and disgusted by the level of violence used by the LAPD. I do not feel safe. The level of funding for the LAPD must be reduced. Please adopt a budget weighed more towards services. Adopt the People's Budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Phan

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police which end lives, both actively with their weapons and passively by draining the funds for other sectors like postal services and healthcare. Fund healthcare workers and USPS.

Communication from Public

Name: Marta Navas

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 03:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Black communities across the nation are mourning the deaths of George Floyd, tortured to death by Minneapolis police, Ahmaud Arbery, a jogger who was killed while running in a residential neighborhood in Brunswick, Georgia, Breonna Taylor an EMT killed while asleep in her bed in Louisville, KY, Dreasjon Reed in Indianapolis and Tony McDade in Tallahassee. Their names are added to a devastatingly long list of Black people who have been killed at the hands of vigilantes or law enforcement. Not to mention the others whose names we don't yet know, and may never know since they were killed without a camera recording it. At the same time, the United States leads the world in COVID-19 cases. So far, more than 100,000 people -- enough to fill a football stadium-- have perished from the virus, with over one million cases confirmed, and those numbers don't reflect all the people dying from virus-related illnesses. Black people are suffering disproportionately from COVID-19, four times more likely to die than their white neighbors. It is important to state this within the context of the scourge of anti-Black police terror and the resulting uprisings taking place across the U.S. The COVID-19 deaths and the deaths caused by police terror are connected and consequential to each other. The United States does not have a national healthcare system. Instead, we have the largest military budget in the world, and some of the most well-funded and militarized police departments in the world, too. Policing and militarization overwhelmingly dominate the bulk of national and local budgets. In fact, police and military funding has increased every single year since 1973, and at the same time, funding for public health decreased every year, crystallized most recently when the Trump administration eliminated the US Pandemic Response Team in 2018, citing "costs". The time has come to defund the police. Black communities are living in persistent fear of being killed by state authorities like police, immigration agents or even white vigilantes who are emboldened by state actors. According to the Urban Institute, in 1977, state and local governments spent \$60 billion on police and corrections. In 2017, they spent \$194 billion. A 220 percent increase. Despite continued profiling, harassment, terror and killing of Black communities, local and federal decision-makers continue to invest in the police, which leaves Black people vulnerable and our

communities no safer. Where could that money go? It could go towards building healthy communities, to the health of our elders and children, to neighborhood infrastructure, to education, to childcare, to support a vibrant Black future. The possibilities are endless. We join in solidarity with the freedom fighters in Minneapolis, Louisville, and across the United States. And we call for the end to police terror. We call for defunding of police and for those dollars to be rerouted to create a public national healthcare system.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 10:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We do not need more police. Please call an emergency city council meeting and deny Mayor Garcetti's budget funding the police and to instead support the People's Budget as a blueprint. The Los Angeles community needs support like no other. I would like the funds to go toward helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles in areas like housing, health, education, and resources especially for small business. The community is still in need of relief from the pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 10:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I demand the funds for LAPD be redirected to the people. Adopt the Peoples Budget. We want Care not Cops. Give the money to those who need it most, the people of our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Gerardo Montejo
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 11:48 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I request that all of the funds that are being transferred to the LAPD be funneled back into communities to help with health care, education, and small businesses.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 11:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am posting a comment in regards to Mayor Garcetti's FY2020-2021 Budget Proposal for Los Angeles. The Mayor's budget shows an inaccurate depiction of what our city needs, which include better housing, public healthcare, better education system and mental health services. COVID-19 has hit many of our households and businesses, so the city needs funding for the following years to fully recover. Unfortunately, the proposed budget focuses heavily on LAPD, which has nearly triple the amount of funding for LAFD. It is clear that the city already spends too much on the police department, which in turn, does not mean a safer community. As evident through the recent protests, the police brutality towards the Black community has shown that the LAPD has failed to protect the people of Los Angeles. Please defund the police department and reallocate such funds to provide basic needs of the people such as housing, food, emergency relief and economic assistance.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Pamaran

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 12:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The police are antagonizing peaceful protesters. Increasing spending for the LAPD sends the wrong message; peaceful protesters should not be antagonized further by increased militarization of the police. What is the city afraid of exactly? The protesting is nothing like the 92 riots; most protesters are peaceful, protesters and rioters have little overlap. The police is enabling opportunists to delegitimize the protests, this budget sends the wrong signal that the city and the police are opportunists themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Alec Vort

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 01:00 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear whoever this may concern, I am requesting that all of the funds that were recently allocated to LAPD funding be re-allocated to the communities, small businesses and healthcare organizations that need it most. --Alec Vort

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Martinez
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 03:25 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Support the PEOPLE'S BUDGET! I oppose using tax payer revenue to overwhelming fund the police department. The words and actions of the LADP chief is disgraceful. The people need funding for human services not a police state. Call an emergency meeting to support the people's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucy Wagner

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 06:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lucy Wagner and I am a life-long Angelino with every paycheck I've ever earned contributing tax dollars to the city of Los Angeles. I absolutely reject the mayor's budget and implore our city council leaders to redirect funds back into the community, and away from policing. We do not need more police, but instead, our residents desperately need funding directed towards housing, healthcare, and education. During this time, especially given the pandemic, children, families, the homeless, and small business owners are the most vulnerable in the community. They need the most help and the most funding. Please redirect funding to areas and services that can help these people, and please do NOT increase funding to LAPD. I support the People's Budget as a blueprint for how our funds should be spent. Now is the time to show the community (and the world) who you are. Please think about the people you represent. This is our money, and you represent us. Los Angeles does not need increased policing, we need increased care. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Marcy

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 07:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an LA City resident in the 13th district. You must seriously reevaluate the proposed 2020-2021 city budget. A city budget that raises funding on LAPD and spends over 54% of the general fund on policing protects and upholds white supremacy. I want to vote for and support city council members who work to restore justice in every in very vein that has been so consistently and cruelly oppressed for Black people in our city, state, and country. These include among many others: disproportionate maternal mortality, the preschool to prison pipeline, housing discrimination, and police brutality. The budget shows our values. You must call an emergency meeting to address this. You must chose CARE not COPS. I have reviewed the People's Budget LA proposal and support this vision for our city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 08:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want the city to adopt the People's Budget. We need services not police right now. Now more than ever, in this pandemic and in a time when police are violently attacking citizens, we need funding for service and care to help out this city. The police need to be deescalated and defunded. We cannot continue letting LA be synonymous with police violence. We need this city to be known as a progressive beacon that stands against the corruption and heartlessness of the federal government. Adopt the People's Budget and do what's right for your city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 08:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We want services that help and strengthen our communities, not tear them apart. We need to stop funding the people that terrorize black and brown communities. We need defund the police and we need a People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The last several days of unrest in the city is a clear indicator that something needs to change. The LAPD has continued to prove they are not funded to serve the people of LA, but rather perpetuate violence and brutality on innocent citizens. It is unconscionable to continue funding a police state intent on targeting blacks and people of color. You have allowed retraining and policy changes and nothing has changed. It is time to defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Pinguino Kolb
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:16 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Over the last few days, I've been horrified by the LAPD response to peaceful protests. I believe that their funding should not be increased, and that the money would be better spent with economic relief for those affected by the shutdown from COVID. A militarized police force does not make a neighborhood feel safe, and their actions over the last few days have shown that their first instinct is to use excessive force on citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: Gevorg Grigorian

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:23 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to have a say in where my tax payer money goes. I don't want a majority of it going to the police force, I don't even want 20% of my money going there. Instead I want it allocated in relation to The People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Kolodziejcki
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:23 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The last few days have been a massive eye opener for me, a white Angeleno, living in 90031. The police launching tear gas into the Rossalyn Apartments downtown to flush out peaceful protestors reminded me of US military violence I've seen on TV in Iraq and Afghanistan! I heard they also rounded up nonviolent folks in Hollywood after cornering them and stopping traffic on city streets to trap and arrest them. This is just from yesterday. We need to defund and DeMILITARIZE our police. They do not need more money— we need money towards mental health, social workers trained in de-escalation and resources to go to our communities and youth. We want #carenotcops! Invest in your citizens not a brutal militia. Please hold the LAPD accountable for the 601 Black people they've murdered and hold LAPD chief Michel Moore accountable for his racist statements after the protests. Please defund LAPD before they can hurt any more protestors or murder any more Angelenos. Thank you, Camille Kolodziejcki

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Aldrich

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sarah. I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police. Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles in areas such as health, education, housing and resources for small businesses and arts - especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now.

Communication from Public

Name: Jovin Baquiran
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:32 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please allocate all the funds from the LAPD budget to go to all the communities for healthcare, education, small businesses, parks and recs, and emergency funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Paris Sanders

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LAPD is allocated nearly 50% of this year's \$6.68 billion general fund. This is an exorbitant and unconscionable amount of money to allocate. The LAPD is receiving billions more than other critical social services and departments in our city. As a native Angeleno, I hate to see the city I have grown up in and love to align itself with militarized policing and mass incarceration, despite the fact that there is little empirical evidence to suggest either of these approaches reduce crime or assist our communities. Now, more than ever, we must reallocate funds away from the LAPD to critical services like our fire, public works and sanitation, capital improvement, and transportation services.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Ciullo

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I reject the mayor's budget ad instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds directed towards helping families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts – especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now. The people of LA are watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Madeline deVillers

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I reject the mayor's budget ad instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds directed towards helping families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts – especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now. The people of LA are watching.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 09:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Californians need housing, workplace protections & healthcare to heal COVID-19, not facial recognition & racist high-tech policing. Please vote NO on #AB2261!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:20 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned about police brutality, the lack of department transparency, and the increased use of military-grade equipment. I believe budgetary money could be put to better use in harm mitigation and crime prevention elsewhere, rather than at the police department, which is a costly, ineffective, and deadly endpoint for far too many people.

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Hu

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:21 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Wyzgoski

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:21 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have never been so appaled by my city. The level of violence against our people by the police has been unacceptable. Our money should be going to combat unacceptable levels of homelessness and systemic racial oppression, not boosting the already too equipped police so eager to assault our people.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Wyzgoski

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:24 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I think that the budget should be going toward rampant homelessness, better funding for schools, road repair, building affordable housing, or one of any amount of necessary social projects for the city rather than the already over bloated and over equipped Los Angeles Police Department.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Doherty

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please please help usher in systemic reform that will lead the country in the needed change of police reform including slashing their budget, creating more civilian oversight, holding those responsible for past abuses of power and more importantly the system that protects them accountable, and demonstrating that less militarization can work as it does in every other major healthy democracy on this earth. Even to call an advisory committee to action to plot out reform would be an immediate and symbolic act that would send a strong message in action that the city is listening. Lastly, a peaceful movement does not have time to galvanize if they cannot protest for an hour after work before curfew comes into effect. I fear that escalates the tension. And drives things further toward violence and confrontation.

Communication from Public

Name: Eugenia Barbuc
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:25 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Please allocate funds that were designated for Police towards providing homes for people experiencing homelessness. I am a concerned citizen who has seen police instigate peaceful protesters. I demand transparency and accountability for the police department.

Communication from Public

Name: William Deasey
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:25 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: James

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:26 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am appalled by the unconscionable violence being perpetrated by the LAPD upon the citizenry for exercising their Constitutional rights. Please reduce their funding as there are far more immediate and long-term beneficial avenues for resources to build stronger communities. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ash

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled and disappointed with the amount of police violence I've seen in the past several days. Force is not the answer in wake of peaceful protests. Your officers are taught violence and will only further breed more. The amount of money going into such a violent organization can instead be allocated to actually promoting the safety of or Black amd POC community within LA. The budget for the police force NEEDS to be reduced significantly, and those funds need to be instead allocated to more constructive aspects of our city. Our country thinks our city is filled with scumbags because of you. Show them different for once. All lives don't matter until Black Lives do.

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan Shearer

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As an extremely concerned citizen, I am urging the council to adapt the people's budget rather than the proposed budget. The unrest over the past few days show that the people do NOT want the police to have more funding than they already have and certainly do not want them to have over 50% of the budget. That money could be used to increase crisis management, help with the overwhelming housing/homelessness crisis, and help revitalize public spaces to increase community engagement, which is something that is obviously very needed at the moment. Please. For all of us. Reconsider.

Communication from Public

Name: Tim Schneider

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:30 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I think this budget should not allot nearly as much to the LAPD, instead focusing on public works projects such as affordable housing, road repair, renewable energy infrastructure or aiding the homeless. The LAPD is already well over budgeted, equipped as a paramilitary force to conduct a civilian operation.

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Wernette
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:31 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We must drastically reduce funding for the police department and reallocate the funds to public programs. Crime will go down if we invest in and care for the people of our community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, Councilmembers. I am a resident of Council District 14. This comment is in reference to Mayor Garcetti's budget. I'm glad you are working on the budget through July 1. In that case, I would like to share what the majority of folks in my district feel, since we have no representation because Jose Huizar has not stepped down: It is criminal to allocate half of our general fund to the LAPD when our community is starved for social services. Our people have made it clear that the LAPD has done nothing but inflict terror on our community. Please reconsider allocating so much money to the LAPD. Thank you. Be safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Zac

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:37 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, As a resident and community member of Los Angeles, I urge you to REJECT the mayor's budget proposal for Los Angeles. Instead you MUST adopt the PEOPLE'S BUDGET of LA. WE MUST HAVE MORE FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ACCESSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH, YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCES, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. YOU MUST SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE FUNDING TO POLICE. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Castillo

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:37 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles, District 4. I paid \$3921.77 in state taxes this year. I understand that a portion of this money will be absorbed by the LAPD, and I am not happy about that as a citizen and find it incredibly unethical. I'm having a hard time understanding how dedicating over half of the city's budget to police, rather than building jobs from COVID19 or helping the many marginalized populations in the state isn't the first priority in helping our overall economy and helping humanity. I would like to request that the office holds an emergency meeting to reevaluate this budget and instead, to please reallocate that money to other services rather than armed forces. I would like 100% of my taxpayer dollars to go into: 1. Increasing the quality of education in public schools with low ratings and student bodies. 2. Free clinics and free women's health services in underprivileged neighborhoods. 3. Affordable housing, drug-free mental health care, and career education to address the homelessness crisis. 4. Even strong initiatives to protect our environment and transform our city into a zero-waste city. a. Strong business ban and penalties to cut the use of single-use plastic cold. b. Launching a composting program to utilize growing organic waste into fertile soil. c. Create opportunities around sustainability. 5. Maintaining the funds allocated to library services, recreation & parks, and wildlife protection which upkeep the core spirit of our city. I would like to keep this city a diverse, inspiring place where art and innovation can thrive despite all of the world's challenges. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Lahoz
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:39 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The mayors proposed budget gives half the money to police, this is unwise and detrimental to our communities and the money is better allocated elsewhere in support of our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Ming

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The solution to LA's problems is not enforcement, it is investing in the community and the root causes of structural and overt violence. When people are policed - when they are taken away from their families, when they can't walk down a street without fear, when they are repeatedly silenced and ignored, when they are murdered - this unravels the community and scars the lives of its people. In this light, I am demanding that the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget to prioritize the services and support that our communities really need. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and it threatens and endangers black and brown people in our city on a daily basis. We want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. We want the city to divest from traditional policing. This is NOT impossible - there are community alternatives out there. (See <https://www.mpd150.com/faq/>) I demand that the Council revise toward a People's Budget that emphasizes Care, not Cops, and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:43 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would be grateful if the council could frankly address a question that I feel many of the public are asking: With the LAPPL terms that were agreed upon last year, is there any chance the proposed peoples budget, or an iteration of it, could be meaningfully considered? Are pay cuts a viable option for redistribution of funds to other area of local government?

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon Watters

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled by the brutal actions this week of the LAPD. Their massive budget must be reduced to provide more essential public services to the people of our city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD should not get 52% of the Mayor's budget! Allocate that money elsewhere. Education would be a great place to start.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsy Parkhouse

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We want a budget that reflects our priorities and needs. We want more services for unhoused Angelenos, including housing in the thousands of empty hotel rooms throughout the city; more mental health services; rent suspension and forgiveness for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students — regardless of their situation — can continue learning during these uncertain times. A budget is a reflection of our city's values. Right now, we have a moral imperative to provide services that keep people housed and healthy, that strengthen small businesses and help people thrive. We don't need more police and we can't afford to pass another budget overwhelmingly devoted to police over people. We need Los Angeles to prioritize housing, health services, food programs, and other services- not to fill police coffers.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Enright

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black folx. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People’s Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Sofie Somoroff
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:46 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello there, I am a resident of Los Angeles, District 13. I understand that approximately 53.8% of my taxpayer funds are to be directed towards police this coming year. As an LA resident, constituent, and voter, I'd like to express my discontent with the current budget and its over spending on police. I do not understand how allocating over half of the city budget to LAPD addresses rebuilding jobs after covid-19, homelessness, health care access and benefits, and climate change. I request that the budget team hold an emergency meeting to reevaluate this budget and allocate more funds into social services instead of armed forces. I would like 100% of my taxpayer dollars to go into: 1. Increasing the quality of education in public schools with low ratings 2. Free clinics and free women's health services in underprivileged neighborhoods 3. Affordable housing, mental health care and career education to address the homelessness crisis 4. Stronger initiatives to protect our environment and transform our city into a zero-waste city 5. Expanded initiatives providing aid and crisis management and response (with consideration of the covid-19 impact on our Los Angeles community) We need a budget that adequately and effectively serves public interest during this uncertain time; we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the forces that tear them apart. Thank you for your hard work and your greatly anticipated response.

Communication from Public

Name: kristin fukushima

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am a Los Angeles county resident and I work in Little Tokyo. I have lived in the Historic Core for a decade, and love Los Angeles and the people that live here - just as I am sure you all do. I am writing you to urge you to not pass Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, which will allocate 53% of funds to the LAPD. We have seen over the last days (and I have seen your social media presences so I know this is important to you), people demanding justice for the loss of Black Lives, and the LAPD escalating situations and hurting our community. Funding the LAPD further won't create more safety in our communities. If anything, since the National Guard and the Army moved into Downtown LA, I feel much more scared and under siege in this police state than I ever did through the expressions of injustice - be it protesting or looting. Rather than giving more money to LAPD, please consider funding the People's Budget LA, which considers the need for crisis management, building a safer environment, and new forms of actual community safety. We need CARE not COPS. Please listen to your constituents who are urging you to do what is right and not allow so much funding to go to the police. I hope you are staying well in this time.
Sincerely, Kristin Fukushima

Communication from Public

Name: Marc
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:48 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Thank you members of the Council for holding these meetings and allowing the public to provide they're input. I'm an AFI Alumn, I hold an MBA from Marist College, and formerly was trained in investment analytics. The recent death of George Floyd has shown a spotlight on the effectiveness of law enforcement in keeping our communities safe. As someone who's lived in LA for the past few years, I've taken a look at the recent budget proposal, and would like to offer some recommendations and proposals to help modernize our police force and make both the public and members of the police force safer. Currently the LAPD is absorbing roughly 41% of the total city budget. In my opinion, Law Enforcement has become too expensive in LA. This year, the LAPD Budget will increase to \$108 million. Surprisingly, lack of data analytics to support the correlation between increases in law enforcement and decreases in crime. This year, LAPD overtime expenses will increase \$35mil, a 25% increase. Contractual Services will increase \$10mil, a 37% increase. Salaries will increase \$13 mil. Office Expenses have nearly doubled from \$14mil to \$25mil. In total, the LAPD Budget will increase \$108 mil. Los Angeles has always been a leader in social justice change, and on the forefront of the progressive movement. Here we have an opportunity here to improve our community and our country, and promote groundbreaking technological Law Enforcement reform. My proposals are as follows: BUDGETARY CHANGES -Cap LAPD Overtime allotment, Contractual Services, and Office Expenses to the previous year's level, saving \$55mil. DATA ANALYTICS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT -Take \$750k Arts & Cultural Facilities Fund to create an Analytics Division, that will be low overhead (only laptops required), and will increase effectiveness of law enforcement drastically. Our communities will be safer without extra effort. -Use analytics to better assess psychological fitness of officers in the field. This will help prevent human error on a racial, gender, and language level. -Use analytics to perform smarter policing, analyze drivers of crime, and find ways to prevent crime before it flourishes. Crime is a multivariable problem, it's not lowered by the sole power of law enforcement, but rather is determined by a series of variables we have yet to determine with accuracy. Time and money would be better spent

searching for these drivers that lead to crime. AI/ROBOTIC POLICING TECHNOLOGY -No officer should be put in a life threatening situation unless absolutely necessary. Advances in technology will reduce police officer deaths and suspect deaths, leading to safer communities. -LA should slowly implement the use of military grade robotic technology and AI, armed with non-lethal methods to subdue suspects. This has been done in several branches of the Armed Forces, and will make job of law enforcement officers safer. It will also require less manpower in the field, saving millions of dollars in salaries/benefits. -With technology, we can phase out human officers, and replace with robotic technology, saving not only human lives, but reducing human error during high pressure situations. This will reduce salary/benefits costs for LAPD Field Forces which are currently costing taxpayers \$845mil. They incur nearly \$667mil in Pension and Benefits, \$93mil in other related costs, \$5mil in liability claims. By fixing our internal problems, we will create a stronger America. Implementing technology and data analytics is the next step in improving life for Americans, and LA is the perfect place to start. Sincerely, Marc

Communication from Public

Name: Christian Lopez
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:51 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled by the violence of the LAPD and demand that their funds be significantly reduced as well as their employees be properly retrained.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophie Simpson
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:52 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Why is there no outside agency solely responsible for keeping checks on cops with complaints filed against them? Why is that the role of the DA's office? Why couldn't you allocate some of this massive budget to really investigate every complaint filed against cops by a NEUTRAL party? The criminal justice system is broken, it has been for some time. Let's fix it. Starting with NOT letting these cops go unchecked. And while we're at it, why don't we give them mandatory weekly mental health checks? This is a highly stressful job, there's no doubt about that. Witnessing homicides, fatal car crashes, child abuse, etc... are all traumatizing events that need to be given time to mentally process. No one is made of teflon. Are we really supposed to believe we are "safer" as a community when those tasked with protecting us are more than likely suffering from some degree of undiagnosed PTSD?

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan
Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:56 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Support People's Budget! Paul Koretz you're my man, we're watching what you do. I will be donating \$15 to the opponent of every council member who opposes.

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey

Date Submitted: 06/02/2020 10:57 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to comment about the policing happening right now and I think it should be a large point of discussion for the city council members. I think we need to reevaluate how much of our budget goes into the police department and what it exactly they do with that money. As a citizen of LA, it's painful to see that the people who are here to "serve and protect" are actually equipped to attack civilians. I think the police department budget needs to be cut and we should not be spending money on militarizing the police. A few other things to consider would be to stop the use of tear gas. It's a toxic chemical and can cause severe damage to the eyes, respiratory system, and skin. The use of a weapon like that on our civilians should be banned. Please consider using your resources and funding for bettering our community. I think we should definitely pour more resources into educating our youth rather than criminalizing them. Bettering schools, creating more after-school programs, etc.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 02:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You need to adopt a People’s Budget and defund the police. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby shirking its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body. As the President of City Council, I am urging you to call a special Council Meeting to bring the People’s Budget up for a vote. The Mayor’s disastrous proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You need to adopt a People’s Budget which defunds the police. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 03:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not approve Mayor Garcetti's budget. 54% of the budget for the LAPD is too much. Hold an emergency meeting to redistribute.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Seidman

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 04:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: If the information circulating publicly that 54% of the city's budget goes to police/policing - 1) there needs to be a publicly disseminated - to social media & other outlets - detailed description of how this allotment is distributed - how much to weapons? training? public outreach? etc. What private monies are being used, if any? 2) OPTICS - as a number it seems offensively - deliberately and provocatively - high. At this moment of civic and health crisis transparency is of the utmost urgency. The government needs be reminded, over and over, it is the people's servant - not the reverse. Spend public/private funds on housing, homelessness, health, education, public transport. Please ... reorganize police spending - rebudget to create an organization which protects and serves the people, and not be what they've essentially become, as has most of the country's police - a militarized force that inordinately consumes precious public resources, duly protects property and its owners, and yet are a force which the people need be protected from. California is always in the national lead regards progressive changes which benefit the public. Please continue that tradition. Sincerely,
Matthew Seidman Lincoln Heights

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 04:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: All of the funds that are being transferred to the LAPD be funneled back into communities to help with healthcare, education and small businesses.

Communication from Public

Name: Dakotah

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 04:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting that all funds being transferred to the LAPD be funneled back into communities in need, to help with healthcare, education and small businesses.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Vo

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 05:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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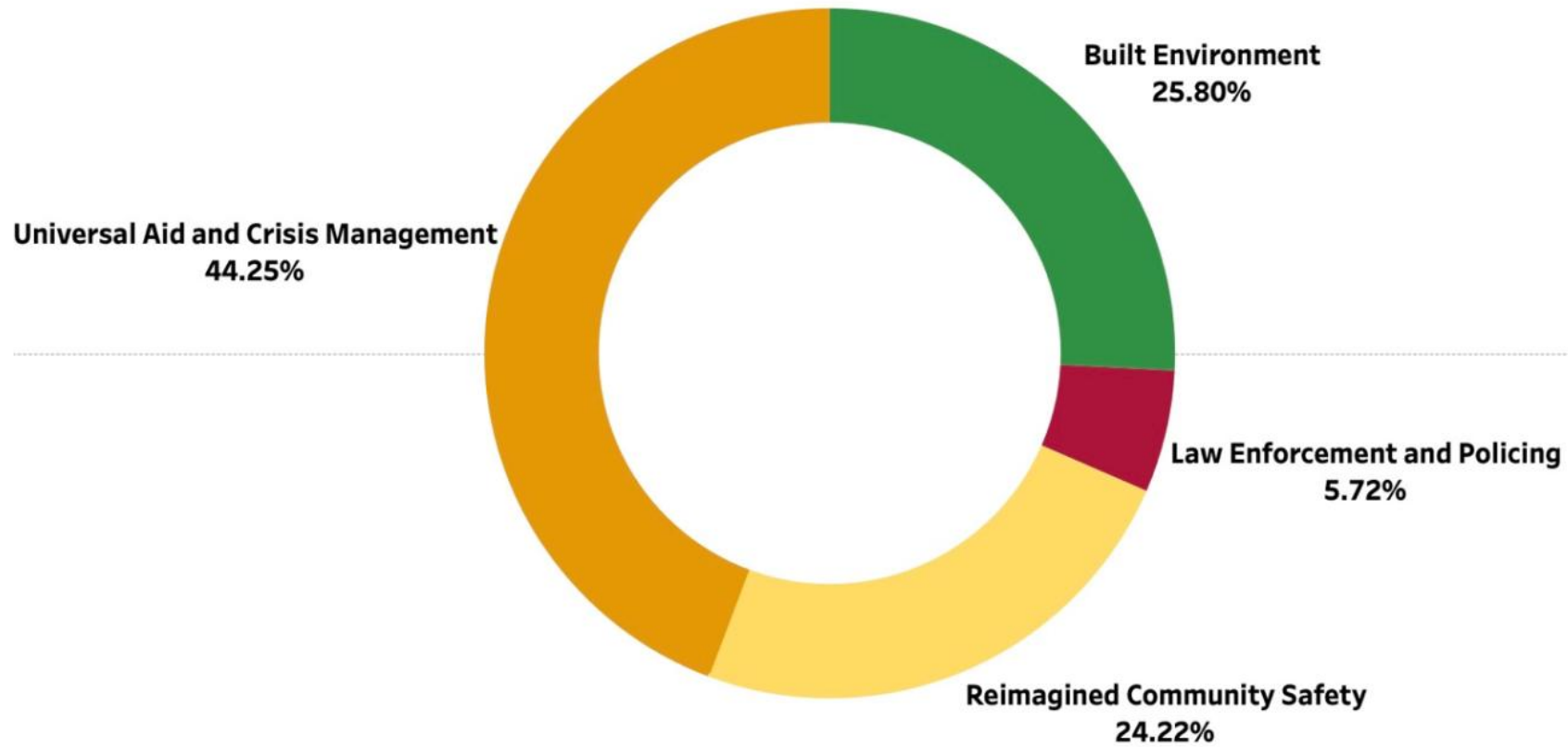
Name: Teagan Jarvis





Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 05:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am suggesting support of the PEOPLE's BUDGET with an update to the current budget proposal from the Mayor. We need this People's based Budget that enables members of the community. A decrease in funding of the LAPD is necessary and this is with no attack to our protectors of the community but it is simply not efficient to fund them more with so many problem areas worth fixing. Thank you and <3

The People's Budget Priorities



-  Universal Aid and Crisis Management
-  Built Environment
-  Reimagined Community Safety
-  Law Enforcement and Policing

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Wright

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 05:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to ask that the funds being committed to the LAPD be reallocated, entirely or in a significant way, to small businesses, education, health care and social programs.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 05:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please re-allocate the 2-3mil \$ budget to the police force towards sectors that matter, such as education. You will all know the facts and statistics behind the correlation with education and crime. If we educate our youth, crime will be reduced, meaning we won't need such heavy police force.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmin Saunders

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 06:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jasmin Saunders. I reject the mayors budget and instead support a redirection of the funds back into the community. We don't need more police, we need support for positive community organization! An emergency city council in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping all people, children and families of Los Angeles in areas such as health, education, accessible and affordable housing and resources for small business and arts - especially given the pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 06:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not fund the LAPD. I request that you funnel all that money back to our needy communities, healthcare and our small businesses.

Communication from Public

Name: G. Adams

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 06:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Deny Mayor Garcetti's budget of more than half of public funding to the police force at a time when crime is low and police brutality is at an all time high. Our city funding must go to community services: mental healthcare, physical healthcare, education, and housing. Do the right thing Garcetti!

Communication from Public

Name: Jackline Castro

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 06:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good evening, My name is Jackline Castro. I reject the mayor's budget and instead support the redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now. We will be watching.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 06:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Myra. I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We dont need more police. Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, small businesses and the arts - especially in the pandemic. The time is now. The community is watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Coleman Baker

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a citizen of Los Angeles to urge city leaders to deny the Mayor's proposed funding and reorient the budget to divest in policing and redirect funds to education, support for small businesses and health care.

Communication from Public

Name: Robi
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:27 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: This letter to is DEMAND that the L.A Cops budget request be denied. Instead of giving L.A. Cops \$3 Billion to abuse their power, Mayor Garcetti could... House the housless, Protect small businesses, Provide school resources, Build tenant protections, Expand mental healthcare Provide free transit. The funds can be used in money other ways than to fund bad cops. Robi

Communication from Public

Name: Mandy

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am disgusted and appalled at the city's response to peaceful protesting. The response has been policemen's terrorizing innocent civilians. Is this how the city cares for its people? Defund the police now. Demilitarize the police. Where has all of our money and funding gone to? A domestic terrorist group?

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Villanueva

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good Evening, I would like City council to reconsider funds for police force be funneled back into the city's healthcare, education, and small businesses. Please reconsider, Michael V

Communication from Public

Name: Juan Preciado Jr
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members PAUL KREKORIAN, CURREN D. PRICE JR, PAUL KORETZ, BOB BLUMENFIELD, & MIKE BONIN, My name is Juan Preciado Jr and I am writing in support of the People's Budget LA Coalition. I am writing to request that you call an emergency meeting of City Council, deny Mayor Garcetti's budget, propose and vote for amendments in line with the People's Budget which decreases funding of LAPD and redistributes city funds into universal aid and crisis management, built environment, reimagined community safety. We need investment in housing security, public health/health care, mental & ENVIRONMENTAL health, and wellness to feel safe not policing. Kind Regards, Juan Preciado Jr

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small business and the arts - especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now. We will be watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimia Rahbar

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kimia Rahbar. I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now. We will be watching. #PeoplesBudgetLA #DefundthePolice #BlackLivesMatterLA #TheShowMustBePaused

Communication from Public

Name: Jana Jessica D Juhl
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 08:03 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We need transparency. What does the cancellation of today's budget meeting mean?

Communication from Public

Name: savannah a ramirez
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 08:24 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I request that all the funds that are being transferred to LAPD be funneled back into communities to help with healthcare, education, homeless and small business!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 08:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. The Time to act is now. We will be watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Joshua Munk

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 08:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The people of Los Angeles request that LA City Council redistributes the 54% of the city budget allocated for LAPD to the sectors that ACTUALLY need these funds. HERE ARE A LIST OF THE ALTERNATIVES WE WOULD RATHER SEE FUNDS GO TOWARDS: HOUSING & COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PUBLIC HEALTHCARE MENTAL HEALTHCARE SMALL BUSINESSES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Please do what is right. Thank you, Joshua Munk Los Angeles Resident

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 08:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police!! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget on favor of service over policing and support the people's budget as a blue print. I would like to see more funds go to helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles in areas lile health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and arts- especially given the pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Briana Beauvoir
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 08:56 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I reject the mayor's budget and request a redirection of funds back into the community towards healthcare, education and supporting small businesses and the arts. I reject any increase in the budget towards the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Alivia

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 08:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I think our city would benefit more if the funding were to goes into community programming and not the police. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Luc LaMontagne

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 09:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I reject the mayor's proposal to increase police funding. Particularly in light of Covid-19 and Black Lives Matter protests, I think funding should be redirected towards education, public health and small business resources. It is your duty as a public servants to be helping the people, not the oppressors of the people. A good way to help right the wrongs of discrimination is to listen to the people and defund the broken system. Police careers should all be on the line consistently pressuring moral rectitude.

Communication from Public

Name: Wendoly Fabela
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 09:06 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I would like the budget to go toward communities, health, school and small business!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Char

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 09:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE consider allocating police budget to housing and parks and recreation for the city of LA. PLEASE support your people and the city by investing in the right institutions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 09:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Don't give the money to LA police. They don't need 3 billion dollars. Please make money go to small businesses, education, homeless, and to help fix the racism across the world.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 09:40 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I'm requesting that all of the funds that are being transferred to the LAPD be funneled back into communities to help with healthcare, education, and small businesses.